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RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2002, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the present response, is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the following comments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 16, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the Solaris Manual pages for the command "in.routed" (herein "the Solaris Manual"). Claims 1-5, 8-13, 16-20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,219,697 to Lawande et al. (herein